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Winter Weather Preparedness Week, November 14-20, 2010

Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed November 14-20, 2010 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. "Winter-like weather has already occurred in some locations and more is sure to come so now is the time to prepare," said Dave Tucek, Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the Indianapolis National Weather Service Office.

Preparation is the key. "An emergency supply kit for your vehicle is especially important during colder months," said Joe Wainscott, executive director of IDHS. "Make sure you're familiar with the items in your kit and know how to use them. And remember, especially during the winter months, your most important resource is your own good judgement. Drive for the conditions, leave a bit more time if roads have rain, ice or snow on them, and don't travel if conditions are prohibitive. "Have a winter emergency kit ready," said Carol Greeley, disaster public affairs for the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis. "This is a good time to "winterize" your Disaster Supplies Kits for your home and vehicles. Add warm clothing, extra blankets and hats, mittens, etc. to both your kits and make sure your vehicle kit includes bottled water, first aid supplies, essential medications, extra coats, blankets, flashlights, kitty litter, a small shovel, a candle, metal container and matches and a red cloth to tie on your car to signal for help," Greeley added.

Travel can be difficult during snow and ice storms. “School bus drivers are trained and ready for winter driving,” said Tobi Gummer, Specialist for School Traffic Safety for the Indiana Department of Education. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Chief Operations Officer Troy Woodruff added, “We want all motorists and road crews to have a safe winter season. When plowing and treating our highways, INDOT trucks turn and exit the road frequently and drive slower than posted speeds, so we ask motorists to stay a safe distance behind snow plows and give our drivers room to work.”

Please join us and present winter weather preparedness materials to your customers. Materials will be available on our websites.

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